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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE REQUEST IN STATE 26019

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Classified By: Ambassador David C. Mulford, for reasons 1.4(b, d)

1. (C) The Ambassador conveyed reftel reassurance regarding the US intention not to fill the India military supply gap ("under current circumstances") to Foreign Secretary Saran. The Foreign Secretary was grateful for this clarification, and shared that India would withdraw its Ambassador from Kathmandu on February 13, joining the US in diplomatic protest against the Nepalese King's actions. The Indian Ambassador, Shiv Shankar Mukherjee, is now back in New Delhi and the Ambassador is scheduled to call on him February 16.
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